# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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CONDITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is only one doctor for 1008 people and one bed for 1223 people ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the action taken /proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE ( SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): As per the statistics available with the Government the doctors to the population ratio works out approximately to 1:1600. The ratio of availability of beds to the population works out approximately to 1:1140. These figures do not include the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy and if they are also taken into account the ratio of availability of doctors and beds to the population will work out much more favorably. Besides, around 25,000 MBBS graduates pass out of the medical colleges each year adding to the strength of doctors in the country.